

The Edison Institute
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Mr Chas L Clarke
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My dear Clarke:

I am returning Mr Edison's letter to you, as well as the one that I wrote you from London in 1882. I might say that the letter revived many memories again. I have photostated them all, and note what you say -- that if anything should happen they will eventually find their way to The Edison Institute and the separate Edison room where all the Edison things will be on display.

I have corrected everything in my article as you have pointed out. You say you do not clearly understand the meaning of the "old wooden blocks." This has reference to the wooden cut-out blocks as we first made them with wooden plugs. Then you mention that you do not understand the meaning of "I asked Dean to have it made." This refers to some little thing made by Dean, and at the time, I went there and asked him to have it made. I have even corrected, as you say, the long-legged Mary Anns to read "the long-waisted Mary Anns." It is all the same to me. In fact, I have gone through the whole thing just as you wished, and made corrections accordingly.

*I give a cut of
the block*

That one note of Edison to you was a surprise to me, and I am happy to say today that after all these years Destiny was kind in not allowing Mr Edison to call me back from Europe in those early days.

I refer to the one where Bernstein is mentioned. However, it is nice to think that Edison thought of me then, anyhow.

Concerning those tables relating to the dynamo machines, I think as I have told you that I shall not employ them because most people do not care about them, the majority that buy the books being laymen.

If you have anything that you want to donate to The Edison Institute, it is always well to refer to Mr Frank Campsall, Mr Ford's secretary.

Yes, I would like to know when Mr Batchellor came back from Europe and who designed those "H" dynamos.

With kindest regards and best wishes to you all, I am

Sincerely yours

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